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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of inventors **Benjamin T. Gomez, Lawrence E. DeMar, Alfred Thomas, and Scott D. Slomiany**, entitled **LINKED GAMING MACHINES**, for an:

☒ (x) Original Patent Application.

☐ () Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

☐ () Continuation ☐ () Divisional ☐ () Continuation-in-part (CIP) ☐ () Regular Filing of Provisional of prior application No. _____ filed on _____.

☐ () A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

☒ (x) Applicant claims small entity status.

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☐ () Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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